

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

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A RESOLUTION to honor Chelsey Perry of Middleton on her many accomplishments in basketball.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in recognizing those dedicated student athletes who serve as the heart and soul of their schools and communities while excelling in sporting competition; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey Perry, former roundball legend at Middleton High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), moved to the upper echelon of basketball when she was selected twenty-sixth overall in the WNBA draft by the Indiana Fever; and

WHEREAS, during her high school career at Middleton, Chelsey Perry led the Lady Tigers to a Class A State Championship in 2015 and was named Most Valuable Player; in 2016, she and her teammates returned to the State Tournament and advanced to the semifinal round; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey Perry averaged a double-double as both a junior and a senior at Middleton, scoring 13.2 points and grabbing 11.9 rebounds per game in addition to averaging 3.7 blocks per game; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in Middleton's sixty-seven-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey's superlative high school basketball career earned her inclusion on the All-West Tennessee High School Girls' Basketball All-Decade Team for 2010-2019; and

WHEREAS, continuing her dominance on the hardwood with the UTM Skyhawks, Chelsey Perry averaged 22.9 points, 7.2 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 1.7 blocks, and 1.1 steals in playing 31.3 minutes per game for UTM during the 2020-2021 season and scored 30 or more points five times; and

WHEREAS, she was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, as she led the league in scoring (22.9 points per game), field goal percentage (50.2%) and field goals made (164); and

WHEREAS, she also ranked as the eleventh leading scorer in the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey Perry finished her outstanding career at UTM as the all-time leader in career blocks with 228 and the third all-time leading scorer with 1,963 points; and

WHEREAS, she ranks fourth in field goals made with 733 and fourth in rebounds with 768 in the UTM women's basketball record book and is tied with the legendary Pat Summitt for fifth in field goals made in a career at 368; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey Perry has distinguished herself as a dominant athlete of whom we can all be proud, and she is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Chelsey Perry on her legion of accomplishments as a basketball great at Middleton High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin and wish her much continued success as she competes against the best basketball players in the world in the WNBA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.